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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution
FROM :
Acting NIO for East Asia
SUBJECT : East Asia Warning Agenda

1. The following items will be considered at the 18 February Warning Meeting:

China

Continuing signs of political contention, ideological as well as economic belt tightening, defensiveness regarding permanence of reforms, lack of progress in scheduled lower-level purges, etc. How serious and what effect on internal power balance?

North Asia

Outlook for PRC-Japanese relations in light of substantial cutbacks in PRC plant and equipment purchases from Japan and anticipated sharp reduction in Chinese export commitments under the LTTA.

North Korean reaction to the Chun visit and the strong US economic and military backing for his government. Are the North Koreans likely to reassess policy vis a vis the South? What can we expect?

Southeast Asia


Significance of the closing of the Thai/Lao border. Does this represent a localized development which will be quickly resolved? Can this be seen as a part of a larger policy to increase economic pressure on Vietnam?

Outlook for ASEAN solidarity on the Kampuchean issue. Can we anticipate divergent views in light of Vietnamese proposal for regional meeting, or with regard to ASEAN the development of united front of Kampuchean resistance forces.

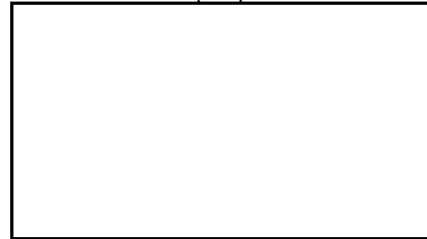
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Prospects for a united front of resistance forces: a mirage or a real possibility? Significance of Sihanouk's latest firm, unchanging position?

Status of the military situation on Thai/Kampuchean border.

2. The meeting is scheduled for 18 February at 1400 hours in Room 7 E 62, CIA Headquarters. Please notify  by COB 17 February with the names of your representatives.

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